

***IN THE CLAIMS:***

Please amend the claim as follows:

1.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) In a computer system having a plurality of nodes, each node having access to a shared database and also having local storage, ~~wherein at least one of said plurality of nodes includes a redo log in local storage for said node, said redo log including information regarding data in said shared database;~~ a method of performing a backup operation ~~to backup~~ of said shared database comprising:

providing a local redo log in local storage for said node, said node including information regarding data in said shared database;

selecting at least one node of said plurality of nodes to perform said backup operation to backup said information regarding data in said shared database included in said node ;

obtaining information regarding a directory location of said local redo log for said at least one node;

setting said local redo log to be read/write accessible by said selected backup at least one node; and

backing up data in said shared database by accessing data in said shared database and also in said local redo log to perform said backup operation provide backup data.